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1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S SPEEDY REPLY.

2. NOMINATE MR. ONYISI FOR TRAVEL ONLY GRANT TO ENABLE HIM ATTEND UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. HAVING WORKED WITH NIGERIAN RADIO, PRESS AND BEEN EDITOR OF SLICK, POPULAR MONTHLY NEWBREED MAGAZINE, ONYISIALREADY PLAYS EFFECTIVE ROLE IN MEDIA CIRCLES, IMPORTANCE OF WHICH WILL INCREASE WITH ACQUISITION GRADUATE DEGREE SINCE THIS CARRIES GREAT PRESTIGE HERE. EVEN PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, HAS BEEN OFFERED BOTH TEACHING POSITION IN JOURNALISM AT UNIGERIA AND SENIOR CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING JOB AT NBC RADIO (LAGOS) FOLLOWING U.S. TRAINING. HE MENTIONS PLAN LATER PUBLISH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAGAZINE.

A)READY IMPRESSED WITH U.S. SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND JOURNALISTIC TRADITION, THROUGH WORK AS USIS PRESS ASSISTANT, ONYISI WITH ADDITIONAL U.S. EXPOSURE WILL HAVE FUTURE IMPACT ON NIGERIAN MEDIA AND OPINION-MOLDING HELPFUL TO U.S. INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY DURING PERIOD WHEN NIGERIAN MEDIA IN PROCESS MODERNIZING.

3. NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE.

4. ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS FOLLOW BY AIR.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY APPROVAL OF GRANT AS CANDIDATE DUE AT PHILADELPHIA AUGUST 26. IF TIME TOO SHORT, COULD REIMBURSEMENT BE UNCLASSIFIED

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